GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5306
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RECLAIMING AND RESUSCITATION OF SARASWATI RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has sent any proposal to the Union Government for financial assistance in connection with the reclaim and resuscitation work of river Saraswati;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total cost involved in this project alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government of West Bengal submitted a proposal for `Improvement of South Saraswati River` from is off take point at Nasibpur (District- Hoogly) to its outfall in river Hoogly at Sankrail (District- Howrah) to the Union Government for providing financial assistance. This scheme has been included under `Flood Management Programme` at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.10 Crore (central share :Rs. 24.08 Cr.). First instalment of the central assistance amounting to Rs. 1.00 Cr was released to the State Government in March` 2008. As per information provided by the Government of West Bengal the scheme has been planned for completion by the year 2009-10.